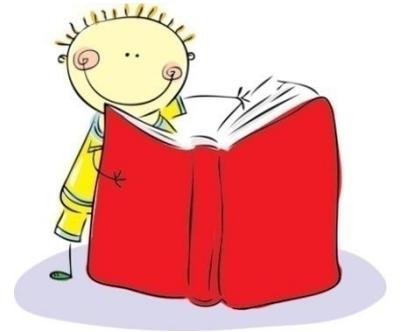


Reception Newsletter

Friday 6th January 2017

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and a lovely break! The children have all come back refreshed and full of beans!

In phonics this week the children have revised sounds they have already learnt and we focused on recognising and reading 'or' as in eeyore, eeyore and 'ar' as in 'There's a shark in the park.' The children learnt a new sound which was 'oo' as in 'Look at a book' and also focused on reading words with and without the 'oo' phoneme in. We enjoyed sorting the words into groups. We have continued to focus on children building up their blending skills by playing lots of different games.



In our maths sessions this week the children have been learning the names of common 3D shapes and are becoming more confident using some of the correct mathematical vocabulary to describe them such as faces (flat and curved) and have been investigating whether the shapes can stack, slide or roll. We also looked at finding one less than a given number by using number lines and objects.

One of our topics this term will be 'Keeping Healthy' and I hope to give the children opportunities to sample a variety of fruit from around the world. As mentioned in a previous letter, please can I ask you to send in an exotic fruit on **Wednesday 11th January** and include the label of origin as well? If you have not yet returned your return slip giving permission for the children to sample the fruit please do so before Wednesday. I appreciate your support with this. The new topic web for 'Keeping Healthy' will be available on the school website for you to refer to and I am sending a hard copy home as well.

This week we have returned to our normal PE sessions, so please make sure the children have their PE kits in school. Many thanks. As the weather is often wet and cold at the moment it would also be useful for the children to have a spare pair of socks/tights in their bags too please. The children love being outdoors and sometimes get a little wet and need a change of socks and we are running low in the spare kit box.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the fantastic chicken sitters and for clearing all the leaves, it looks so tidy by our chickens now. Thank you so

much! The chickens have been well looked after during the Christmas break and I really appreciate everyone giving up their time to look after our lovely chickens. I hope the children had fun helping too! ☺

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Dale